

REMARKS

In the August 9, 2005 Office Action, the drawings were objected to and claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. On the other hand, claims 10-17 were allowed. Claims 18-30 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter. No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the August 9, 2005 Office Action, Applicant has amended the specification and claims as indicated above, and cancelled claims 18-30 as indicated above. Thus, claims 1-17 are pending, with claims 1 and 10 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

Interview Summary

On November 16, 2005, the undersigned conducted a personal interview with Examiner Chong Kim, who is in charge of the above-identified patent application. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Kim for the opportunity to discuss the above-identified patent application during the Interview. Basically, the rejection of independent claim 1 and the drawing objections were discussed during the Interview. In particular, it was agreed that amending independent claim 1 to clarify that the first and second bicycle shoe cleats are configured and arranged to be interchangeably coupled to the front and rear clamping members of the bicycle pedal would appear to overcome the drawings objection and claim rejection. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Kim for the helpful suggestions in amending independent claim 1.

Election of Species

In paragraphs 1-2 of the Office Action, Applicant's election without traverse of invention I (claims 1-17) in the June 9, 2005 Response was acknowledged. Thus, non-elected claims 18-30 were withdrawn from further consideration. In response, Applicant has cancelled non-elected claims 18-30 by the current Amendment.

Drawings

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to for allegedly failing to disclose every feature specified in independent claim 1 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.83(a). In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to clarify that the first and second bicycle shoe cleats are configured and arranged to be interchangeably coupled to the front and rear clamping members of the bicycle pedal. Applicant believes the arrangement of claim 1, as now amended is clearly shown in the drawings (Figures 2-5 in particular) as discussed and agreed to during the Interview. Accordingly, Applicant has not filed herewith a Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Corrections. Rather, Applicant believes that the drawings now clearly comply with 37 CFR §1.83(a) in view of the amendments to independent claim 1. In other words, Applicant respectfully traverses the drawings objection in view of the amendments to independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

Specification

In reviewing this application, the undersigned notices some minor errors, which have been corrected. Applicant believes that the specification is now correct and complies with 37 CFR §1.71 and 37 CFR §1.75(d)(1).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

In paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that the first and second bicycle shoe cleats are configured and arranged to be interchangeably coupled to the front and rear clamping members of the bicycle pedal. Applicant believes the arrangement of claims 1-9, especially as now amended, is described and illustrated in the specification and the drawings in such a way as to enable one skilled in the bicycle art to make and use the invention. In other words, in view of the amendments to independent claim 1, Applicant believes that the claims now more clearly comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.


Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action, claims 10-17 were indicated as allowed. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-17 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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